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SUBJECT: TRADE CENTER SOLAR ENERGY EXHIBITION

1. DURING FEBRUARY 23-28 U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS, THE U.S. SIDE HAD SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO MENTION THE APRIL SOLAR ENERGY TRADE CENTER EXHIBITION. THE AGREED MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETINGS SPECIFICALLY NOTED THE EXHIBITION UNDER HEADINGS OF BOTH SOLAR ENERGY AND HOUSING.

2. TRUNCATED ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETINGS WERE ATTENDED ON IRANIAN SIDE BY MR. OMIDSALAR, DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR ENERGY PLANNING, MINISTRY OF POWER. AT THE SESSION ON SOLAR
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ENERGY, DR. LLOYD HERWIG, SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, PRESENTED A BRIEFING ON U.S. SOLAR ENERGY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE TRADE CENTER EXHIBITION IN WHICH HE WILL PARTICIPATE. AS NOTED IN THE AGREED MINUTES, THE U.S. AND IRANIAN DELEGATES DISCUSSED CURRENT COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAINING FOR IRANIANS AT U.S. FACILITIES. MR. OMIDSALAR SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED HIS

COUNTRY'S INTEREST IN SMALL SOLAR INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING COLD STORAGE UNITS POWERED BY SOLAR ENERGY. HE STATED THAT THE R&D UNIT IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER WOULD PROBABLY PURCHASE FROM THE U.S. SOME SOLAR INSTALLATIONS TO BE USED

FOR RESEARCH.

3. DURING THE HOUSING WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, FIROUZ AFROUZ, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING ORGANIZATION, WAS BRIEFED ON THE SOLAR ENERGY SHOW, GIVEN A LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND TOLD COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION. MR. AFROUZ EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO SPONSOR PILOT PROGRAMS TO APPLY SOLAR ENERGY HEATING TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING AND SOLICITED HUD'S ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING CRITERIA AND STANDARDS. HUD OUTLINED ITS ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA, SUPPLIED A COPY OF ITS MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SOLAR HEATING, AND DESCRIBED ITS FIVE CYCLE PROGRAM OF GRANTS FOR TESTING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE. HUD OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE FIVE CYCLE PROGRAM STUDY WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED. IN ADDITION, HUD SUGGESTED MR. AFROUZ COULD OBTAIN PROGRAMMING MATERIAL (USERS' MANUAL, TAPE, CARDS) FOR AN ECONOMIC MODEL DESIGNED TO COMPARE APPLICATION OF SOLAR SYSTEMS IN HOUSING. THE PROGRAM CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE AT A COST OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-
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FIVE DOLLARS.

4. U.S. CAPABILITIES IN THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF SOLAR ENERGY IN RESIDENCES WERE ALSO RAISED AT THE MEETING OF THE FULL ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. ONCE AGAIN THE IRANIAN SIDE EXPRESSED A HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN SOLAR TECHNOLOGY, AND THE U.S. SIDE WAS ABLE TO MENTION THE UPCOMING TRADE CENTER EXHIBITION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE EXAMPLES OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY IN THIS AREA FIRST HAND.

5. THE KEEN INTEREST IN SOLAR ENERGY APPLICATIONS REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED BY HIGH LEVEL IRANIANS AT THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY/TRADE CENTER STAFFS COULD USEFULLY FOLLOW UP WITH THESE OFFICIALS CONCERNING EXHIBITION, ESPECIALLY AFROUZ AND OMIDSALAR, AND SUCH CONTACT PROBABLY EXPECTED. PURPOSE OF PERSONAL CONTACT SHOULD BE TO SUSTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE WASHINGTON MEETINGS AND GENERATE APPROPRIATE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF IRANIAN GOVERNMENT VISITORS TO EXHIBITION. VANCE

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